



Beginner 2 | Lesson 1 | Be Verbs - Present Simple

Favorites

Aimee and Todd talk about their favorite things.

Todd: Hey Aimee, how _____ today?

Aimee: I'm good, thanks Todd. And you?

Todd: I'm good. Pretty good. Let's talk about your favorite things.

Aimee: Okay.

Todd: What is your favorite food?

Aimee: Ooh! My favorite _____ avocado.

Todd: Avocado?

Aimee: Honestly.

Todd: Wow!

Aimee: How _____?

Todd: My favorite food is pizza, I think. _____ pizza.

Aimee: Oh, _____!

Todd: It's _____.

Aimee: It's so delicious.

Todd: Yeah.

Aimee: And _____ your favorite movie?

Todd: Well, my favorite movie is Star Wars.

Aimee: Classic!

Todd: I know. And you? What _____ favorite movie?

Aimee: Well, I do love Star Wars too, _____ favorite movie is Ferris Beuller's Day Off.

Todd: Ooh! I like that movie _____. Very good. Very good. So I was in high school the same time _____ movie.

Aimee: Were you?

Todd: Yeah!

Aimee: Great!

Todd: So cool. Who is your favorite actor?



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- a) American
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Todd: I think my favorite city is Barcelona.

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When I get up early, I like to _____ for the day, take a shower and have breakfast. But other days, I don't like getting up early. Maybe I'll sleep in until 10 or 11.

Sarah: Wow.

John: Yeah. I like sleeping in late. So sometimes, I _____ at 11. On those days, if I know I won't wake up until 11, I'll _____ shower the night before, before I _____. How about you, Sarah? When do you usually wake up?

Sarah: Well, I like every day to be the same. So I wake up every day at 8 o'clock.

John: Eight?

Sarah: Eight. And I always _____ same thing. First, I _____ right away. Then, I wake up my kids and _____ breakfast together at about 8:30.

John: Really?

Sarah: Yes. We usually have something easy like bread and yogurt and fruit.

John: I like to have coffee every morning whether I wake up at 6 or at 10, I'm still going to have coffee. But I _____ breakfast. Do you always _____ every day?

Sarah: Yes. If I don't eat breakfast, I'm so hungry. What about lunch? What time do you have lunch?

John: Lunch is the same everyday for me. I always _____ at 12:30 PM. So whenever I wake up, I _____ things and then I always have lunch at 12:30 PM, just half past noon. And I always have a simple lunch. Maybe some soup or spaghetti or a sandwich. Something light, and it's always at half past noon. What time do you eat lunch?



Quiz

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Grammar Challenge

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|------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
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| wake up | we have | take a | eat breakfast |
| often skip | go to bed | do some | do you |

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) What time do you wake up?
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Sarah: Because I'm busy in the morning. I go out, maybe I go shopping. Sometimes I clean the house. So I might have lunch at 11 o'clock or 12 o'clock. Sometimes as late as 2:30.

John: Oh, that's getting late.

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John: I see.

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Beginner 2 | Lesson 3 | Imperatives

Sandwich!

Meg and Todd share how to make their favorite sandwiches.

Todd: Hey, Meg. Let's talk about sandwiches.

Meg: Yum.

Todd: How do you _____ your favorite sandwich?

Meg: Well, my favorite sandwich is called a BLT. Bacon, lettuce, and tomato.

Todd: Ooh, that's so good.

Meg: Yeah, isn't it? It's very _____ to make. First, _____ the tomatoes. Then, toast the bread. Next, _____ the mayonnaise on the toast. After that, _____ the bacon. Then _____ everything together and _____ lettuce. Finally, _____ the sandwich in half, and _____ it with chips or fruit.

Todd: Okay. That sounds great. Let me check. First, slice some tomatoes.

Meg: Right.

Todd: Then _____ some lettuce.

Meg: You do need to get the lettuce, but after _____ the tomatoes, you should _____ the bread.

Todd: Okay. So, slice the tomatoes, toast the bread.

Meg: Right.

Todd: And then spread mayonnaise on the **bread**, on the toast.

Meg: Uh-huh. Yup.

Todd: And then add the tomato and lettuce.

Meg: Mm-hmm.

Todd: And then, oh. Fry the bacon ...

Meg: Right.

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Meg: Yes.



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toast	slice	cut	easy
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- 5) How often do you eat it?

- _____
- () Get two pieces of bread.
 () I love P and J sandwiches.
 () Spread peanut butter and jelly on each slice of bread.
 () Just peanut butter and jelly.
 () To be honest, I don't eat it often.

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Meg: You can do it. What about you? What's your favorite sandwich?

Todd: Oh, my favorite sandwich is really easy but a little unhealthy. It's a peanut butter and banana sandwich.

Meg: Ooh, sounds delicious.

Todd: So, similarly, first, toast some bread.

Meg: Mm-hmm.

Todd: And then spread peanut butter on one piece of toast.

Meg: Uh-huh.

Todd: Then cut up a banana into big slices.

Meg: Big slices.

Todd: Then put the slices of banana on the peanut butter.

Meg: Mm-hmm.

Todd: And then put the other toast over the bananas.

Meg: Okay.

Todd: So, put the sandwich together.

Meg: Right.

Todd: It's so delicious.

Meg: Wow, it sounds pretty easy. Let's see if I can remember. So first, toast the bread?

Todd: Yes.

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Todd: Mm-hmm.

Meg: And finally, put the second piece of toast on top of the sandwich.

Todd: Got it.

Meg: That's it?

Todd: That's it.

Meg: Great.

Todd: It's so good.

Meg: I can't wait to try it.

Todd: And I can't wait to try the BLT.



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Imperatives

Point 1: The imperative is the base form of the verb. We use it to give instructions, commands, or suggestions.

1. Come here.
2. Help me please.
3. Look at this.
4. Don't do that!

Point 2: The imperative does not have a subject because the subject is the listener.

1. Listen to me.
2. Speak slower please.
3. Stand over there.
4. Open the door.

Point 3: Add the word **please** to make the commands more polite.

1. Please sit here.
2. Please give me your passport.
3. Please spell your name for me.
4. Please pay this amount.

Point 4: The negative form of the imperative uses **do not** or **don't** plus the base verb.

1. Do not go there.
2. Don't eat too much.
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- 5) How often do you eat it?

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- (3) Get two pieces of bread.
 - (1) I love P and J sandwiches.
 - (4) Spread peanut butter and jelly on each slice of bread.
 - (2) Just peanut butter and jelly.
 - (5) To be honest, I don't eat it often.

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Todd: I think I can do it.

Meg: You can do it. What about you? What's your favorite sandwich?

Todd: Oh, my favorite sandwich is really easy but a little unhealthy. It's a peanut butter and banana sandwich.

Meg: Ooh, sounds delicious.

Todd: So, similarly, first, toast some bread.

Meg: Mm-hmm.

Todd: And then spread peanut butter on one piece of toast.

Meg: Uh-huh.

Todd: Then cut up a banana into big slices.

Meg: Big slices.

Todd: Then put the slices of banana on the peanut butter.

Meg: Mm-hmm.

Todd: And then put the other toast over the bananas.

Meg: Okay.

Todd: So, put the sandwich together.

Meg: Right.

Todd: It's so delicious.

Meg: Wow, it sounds pretty easy. Let's see if I can remember. So first, toast the bread?

Todd: Yes.

Meg: Then spread peanut butter on one slice of toast.

Todd: Yes.

Meg: After that was, cut the banana into big slices.

Todd: Mm-hmm.

Meg: And finally, put the second piece of toast on top of the sandwich.

Todd: Got it.

Meg: That's it?

Todd: That's it.

Meg: Great.

Todd: It's so good.

Meg: I can't wait to try it.

Todd: And I can't wait to try the BLT.



Grammar

Imperatives

Point 1: The imperative is the base form of the verb. We use it to give instructions, commands, or suggestions.

1. Come here.
2. Help me please.
3. Look at this.
4. Don't do that!

Point 2: The imperative does not have a subject because the subject is the listener.

1. Listen to me.
2. Speak slower please.
3. Stand over there.
4. Open the door.

Point 3: Add the word **please** to make the commands more polite.

1. Please sit here.
2. Please give me your passport.
3. Please spell your name for me.
4. Please pay this amount.

Point 4: The negative form of the imperative uses **do not** or **don't** plus the base verb.

1. Do not go there.
2. Don't eat too much.
3. Do not stay up too late.
4. Don't fall asleep.



Beginner 2 | Lesson 4 | Articles

House and Things

Aimee and Todd talk about all the stuff they have in their homes.

Aimee: So, Todd, do you like your house?

Todd: I do. It's ___ nice house, but it's ___ old house. It's very old.

Aimee: How many rooms are in your house?

Todd: My house has four rooms. ___ living room, ___ sleeping room, ___ study room, and ___ kitchen.

Aimee: Okay. That sounds big. How about bathrooms? How many bathrooms do you have?

Todd: I have two bathrooms or toilets, and then I have one washing room to take ___ shower.

Aimee: Oh, nice. And do you have ___ TV?

Todd: I do have a TV in ___ living room, and I have ___ big couch and ___ nice table, and I have cable TV.

Aimee: Wow.

Todd: So I have cable, but I don't watch TV much.

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Todd: I do. I have ___ very small kitchen. My kitchen has one stove, ___ small stove, ___ table, and ___ refrigerator, and ___ microwave. So, I can cook, but it's not easy.

Aimee: Oh. How many chairs do you have in ___ kitchen.

Todd: We only have two chairs. It's very, very small.

Aimee: Okay. Do you have ___ kettle?

Todd: I do have ___ kettle. Do you want coffee?

Aimee: No. It's an important, important kitchen appliance.

Todd: It is. It is. I like that kettle. I think, in American English, we say "coffee pot."

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- b) A garden
- c) A pool

4) What items does he mention?

- a) Cups
- b) Pictures
- c) Books

Grammar Challenge

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Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

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Beginner 2 | Lesson 5 | Adverbs of Frequency

Eating Habits

Daniel and Hana discuss what they like to have for dinner and how they get their food.

Daniel: So Hana, tell me, do you cook much?

Hana: Yes, I _____ cook. I often cook with my roommate, and _____ make Chinese or Japanese food. How about you?

Daniel: Well, I don't really cook _____ because I'm really busy during the week. So, I always get something at a shop and eat that. During the weekends, I _____ during the weekends because I really like making food. So, that's what I do.

Hana: So, do you ever eat out?

Daniel: Only _____, because I'm really busy during the week, and I prefer cooking during the weekends, so _____ often. I don't go out really _____ eat. Whenever I'm tired, and I don't have time to cook during the weekend, I go and _____ a friend. So, how about you?

Hana: Well, I always cook, so I _____ go and eat out on the weekends with my friends or family.

Daniel: So do you _____ take-away?

Hana: No, _____. Normally when I go out to eat, I like to sit and enjoy my food. How about you?

Daniel: Well, that's really nice. Of course, I do like to sit and enjoy my food, but I have to admit that occasionally I have to buy take-away, especially when I'm coming late from work, and I'm driving. I'm so hungry that, most of the time, I don't really make it home, so I have to buy something and eat it on my way, and that's a shame. But that's the way it is.



And do _____ have people over for dinner?

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 - c) Weekends
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 - a) Buy dinner
 - b) Cook dinner
 - c) Eat at work
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 - a) Her mother
 - b) Her friends from work
 - c) Her roommate
- 5) How often does he cook for friends?
 - a) Often
 - b) Sometimes
 - c) Never

Grammar Challenge

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| normally | you usually | eat out with | always |
| always cook | that often | we always | ever buy |
| occasionally | never | not really | often to |

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) Do you cook often?
- 2) Do you eat out often?
- 3) How often do you cook for people?
- 4) How often do you eat fast food?
- 5) How often do you eat salad?

- _____
- () I almost never eat out.
 () I rarely eat fast food.
 () I never cook for people.
 () I have salad all the time, usually with lunch.
 () I do cook for myself often.

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Grammar

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Beginner 2 | Lesson 6 | Can / Cannot

My Abilities

Abidemi talks about things she can and cannot do.

Todd: So, Abidemi, let's talk about abilities.

Abidemi: Sure.

Todd: So, you seem to be very talented.

Abidemi: Well, thank you.

Todd: Can _____ well?

Abidemi: No. I don't consider myself a good singer.

Todd: No, I _____ well.

Abidemi: No, I can't sing well.

Todd: No? Not _____?

Abidemi: Not really.

Todd: Do you _____? Do you sing at karaoke? Do you sing at church?

Abidemi: I sing once in a while, but I _____ like it so much.

Todd: Do you _____ to yourself at home? Like, sing in the shower? Sing while cleaning the house?

Abidemi: Yes, I do. I enjoy music a lot. I listen to a lot of music, and sometimes I sing along.

Todd: Yeah, I don't think I _____. I don't like singing. I can't sing. I have a terrible, terrible voice.

Abidemi: Really?

Todd: Yeah. People say I'm _____, so when I sing, my voice is flat. (singing) Very bad.

Abidemi: I see.

Todd: Yeah. I want to sing. I really do, but I have a bad voice.

Abidemi: I'm sure there are plenty of other things that you do very well.

Todd: Yeah, maybe. How about cooking? Can _____ well?

Abidemi: Cooking is another activity that I'm not so good at.

Todd: No?



Quiz

1) Can Abidemi sing well?

- a) Yes, she can.
- b) Not really.
- c) She does not say.

2) Can Todd sing well?

- a) Yes, he can.
- b) No, not at all.
- c) He does not say.

3) What can she cook well?

- a) Nothing.
- b) Some things.
- c) She does not say.

4) What can she do well?

- a) Dance.
- b) Play guitar.
- c) Play piano.

5) Can she play the piano?

- a) Yes, she can.
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Grammar Challenge

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

do that	you cook	very good	ever sing
you sing	tone deaf	don't really	sing often
can't cook	at all	can't sing	I cook

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- 4) Can you dance well?
- 5) Can you speak other languages?

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Todd: You _____?

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Todd: Yeah, I'm the same. I don't cook, so I can't cook. Right? So, we say, "Practice makes perfect," but I never cook, so I can't cook.

Abidemi: I see what you mean.

Todd: Yeah.

Abidemi: One thing that I do do well, and really enjoy, is dancing.

Todd: You're a good dancer?

Abidemi: Some people have said that I'm good.

Todd: Nice. What style of dancing do you like?

Abidemi: I like hip-hop, dance music. When I was younger, I took some jazz classes, and I really enjoyed those as well.

Todd: So, there's jazz dancing?

Abidemi: Yes, there is.

Todd: Oh wow. What about salsa dancing? Or tango dancing?

Abidemi: I like those too, but usually you need a partner for those. So unless my husband wants to dance... but my husband doesn't really like dancing.

Todd: I understand. I'm the same. I can relate.



Grammar

Can / Cannot

Point 1: We use **can** to show abilities.

1. I can play tennis.
2. She can speak Italian.
3. They can build a computer.
4. This dictionary can hold one million words.

Point 2: The negative form of can has three spellings: **can not**, **cannot** and **can't**.

1. I can't go tonight.
2. She cannot speak German.
3. I can not get an Internet connection.
4. My car cannot go very fast.

Point 3: The adverb **well** is used to show a high ability at doing something.

1. Can you speak Japanese well?
2. I cannot speak it very well. I can speak it just a little.
3. What can you do well?
4. I can cook fairly well.

Point 4: The phrase **be good at** means you can do something well.

1. Are you good at sports?
2. Yes, I am pretty good at sports.
3. Are you good at computers?
4. No, I am not good at computers at all.



Beginner 2 | Lesson 6 | Can / Cannot

My Abilities

Abidemi talks about things she can and cannot do.

Todd: So, Abidemi, let's talk about abilities.

Abidemi: Sure.

Todd: So, you seem to be very talented.

Abidemi: Well, thank you.

Todd: Can you sing well?

Abidemi: No. I don't consider myself a good singer.

Todd: No, I can't sing well.

Abidemi: No, I can't sing well.

Todd: No? Not at all?

Abidemi: Not really.

Todd: Do you sing often? Do you sing at karaoke? Do you sing at church?

Abidemi: I sing once in a while, but I don't really like it so much.

Todd: Do you ever sing to yourself at home? Like, sing in the shower? Sing while cleaning the house?

Abidemi: Yes, I do. I enjoy music a lot. I listen to a lot of music, and sometimes I sing along.

Todd: Yeah, I don't think I do that. I don't like singing. I can't sing. I have a terrible, terrible voice.

Abidemi: Really?

Todd: Yeah. People say I'm tone deaf, so when I sing, my voice is flat. (singing) Very bad.

Abidemi: I see.

Todd: Yeah. I want to sing. I really do, but I have a bad voice.

Abidemi: I'm sure there are plenty of other things that you do very well.

Todd: Yeah, maybe. How about cooking? Can you cook well?

Abidemi: Cooking is another activity that I'm not so good at.

Todd: No?



Quiz

1) Can Abidemi sing well?

- a) Yes, she can.
- b) Not really.
- c) She does not say.

2) Can Todd sing well?

- a) Yes, he can.
- b) No, not at all.
- c) He does not say.

3) What can she cook well?

- a) Nothing.
- b) Some things.
- c) She does not say.

4) What can she do well?

- a) Dance.
- b) Play guitar.
- c) Play piano.

5) Can she play the piano?

- a) Yes, she can.
- b) No, she cannot.
- c) She does not say.

Grammar Challenge

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

do that	you cook	very good	ever sing
you sing	tone deaf	don't really	sing often
can't cook	at all	can't sing	I cook

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) Can you sing well?
- 2) Can you cook well?
- 3) Can you play an instrument?
- 4) Can you dance well?
- 5) Can you speak other languages?

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- (3) Yes, I play the guitar.
 - (1) No, my voice is terrible.
 - (4) Yes, I have a few moves.
 - (5) Yes, I know French and Chinese.
 - (2) No, I am a terrible cook.

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Abidemi: I'm not **very good** at cooking.

Todd: You **can't cook**?

Abidemi: I have a few dishes that **I cook** really well, but I think I'm too lazy. I don't learn new ones.

Todd: Yeah, I'm the same. I don't cook, so I can't cook. Right? So, we say, "Practice makes perfect," but I never cook, so I can't cook.

Abidemi: I see what you mean.

Todd: Yeah.

Abidemi: One thing that I do do well, and really enjoy, is dancing.

Todd: You're a good dancer?

Abidemi: Some people have said that I'm good.

Todd: Nice. What style of dancing do you like?

Abidemi: I like hip-hop, dance music. When I was younger, I took some jazz classes, and I really enjoyed those as well.

Todd: So, there's jazz dancing?

Abidemi: Yes, there is.

Todd: Oh wow. What about salsa dancing? Or tango dancing?

Abidemi: I like those too, but usually you need a partner for those. So unless my husband wants to dance... but my husband doesn't really like dancing.

Todd: I understand. I'm the same. I can relate.



Grammar

Can / Cannot

Point 1: We use **can** to show abilities.

1. I can play tennis.
2. She can speak Italian.
3. They can build a computer.
4. This dictionary can hold one million words.

Point 2: The negative form of can has three spellings: **can not**, **cannot** and **can't**.

1. I can't go tonight.
2. She cannot speak German.
3. I can not get an Internet connection.
4. My car cannot go very fast.

Point 3: The adverb **well** is used to show a high ability at doing something.

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2. I cannot speak it very well. I can speak it just a little.
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Meg: Oh!

Todd: Yeah, a ways ago.

Meg: Not too long ago.

Todd: Yeah, 47 years ago, but yeah.

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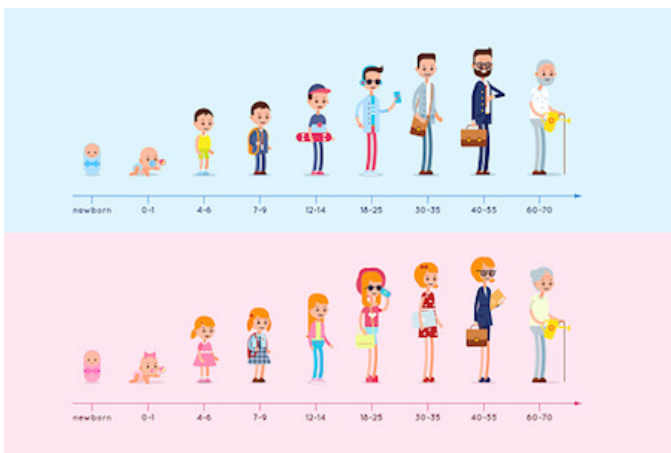
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Grammar Talks 2-08 | Transitive Verbs

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Todd: Yeah? What fruits do you like?

Meg: I love _____ because they're so healthy for you. And so usually, in the morning for breakfast, _____ a banana. I also love blueberries. Blueberries are my favorite fruit. But sometimes, they're _____ so I can't often eat blueberries.

Todd: Oh, I agree. Blueberries are so good. I _____ blueberries in oatmeal.

Meg: That's a good idea. I love to have blueberries in **muffins**.

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Grammar Challenge

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

love	expensive	bake	look
cut up	have	eat a lot	don't like
bananas	put	cook	usually

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) What do you do in the morning?
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- 4) What do you do on the weekend?
- 5) What sports do you play?

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Grammar

Transitive Verbs

Point 1: Transitive verbs are verbs that have an object -- a noun or pronoun -- after the verb.

1. I bought some clothes online.
2. I made pancakes for breakfast.
3. He sold his car for 10 dollars.
4. She speaks Italian fluently.

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1. I work at a store downtown.
2. I live in the city.
3. I exercise every morning.
4. I usually sleep three hours a night.

Point 3: Once the object is mentioned, the speaker usually uses a pronoun and not the noun.

1. What did you buy at the mall?
2. I bought a new sweater?
3. Where did you buy **it**?
4. I got **it** at the new shop by the cafe.

Point 4: We often use a general word after **What** when asking about the object of a sentence.

1. What **sports** did you play as a kid?
2. I played **baseball**.
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4. I watched **the new Star Wars**.
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6. I can cook **soup and stews**.

Todd: I do but it's not healthy, right?

Meg: No.

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Todd: No. So what vegetables do you cook?

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Todd: That's great. Yeah. You see some vegetables like on a kebab that are roasted. I guess onions are roasted, peppers are roasted.

Meg: Right, right.

Todd: Do you roast other vegetables **besides** broccoli?

Meg: Sometimes tomatoes, and sometimes potatoes although, it's that a vegetable.

Todd: It is but it's not a very healthy vegetable.

Meg: So maybe I shouldn't eat potatoes.

Todd: I love potatoes though. So you roast vegetables, do you cook vegetables any other way? Do you boil vegetables or fry vegetables?

Meg: Sometimes I boil vegetables. For example, I like to boil carrots because they're soft and you can add some spices again to have some flavor when you eat carrots with your meal.

Todd: Yeah. Actually, I love carrots but I only like raw carrots.

Meg: Oh really?

Todd: And I hate cooked carrots.

Meg: Oh well, I'll try to remember that if ever you **come over for dinner**.

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love	expensive	bake	look
cut up	have	eat a lot	don't like
bananas	put	cook	usually

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) What do you do in the morning?
- 2) What do you do in the afternoon?
- 3) What do you do in the evening?
- 4) What do you do on the weekend?
- 5) What sports do you play?

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- (1) I get up. I eat breakfast, and I clean the house.
 - (5) I play soccer and I play golf.
 - (3) I eat dinner, I watch TV, and I post messages online.
 - (2) I prepare lessons and I teach classes.
 - (4) I go hiking or I buy my food for week.

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Grammar

Transitive Verbs

Point 1: Transitive verbs are verbs that have an object -- a noun or pronoun -- after the verb.

1. I bought some clothes online.
2. I made pancakes for breakfast.
3. He sold his car for 10 dollars.
4. She speaks Italian fluently.

Point 2: Intransitive verbs are verbs that do not need an object.

1. I work at a store downtown.
2. I live in the city.
3. I exercise every morning.
4. I usually sleep three hours a night.

Point 3: Once the object is mentioned, the speaker usually uses a pronoun and not the noun.

1. What did you buy at the mall?
2. I bought a new sweater?
3. Where did you buy **it**?
4. I got **it** at the new shop by the cafe.

Point 4: We often use a general word after **What** when asking about the object of a sentence.

1. What **sports** did you play as a kid?
2. I played **baseball**.
3. What **movie** did you watch last night?
4. I watched **the new Star Wars**.
5. What **dishes** can you cook?
6. I can cook **soup and stews**.

Todd: I do but it's not healthy, right?

Meg: No.

Todd: But yeah, I love the dressing like the ranch dressing with carrot sticks or the ranch dressing with cucumber sticks. It's very nice.

Meg: Yeah. It's pretty delicious. But you're right. Not so healthy.

Todd: No. So what vegetables do you cook?

Meg: Sometimes I cook broccoli. I actually like to roast broccoli, which is when you put broccoli into the oven and cook it a few minutes. So it's really delicious. You can add some salt or seasonings and it's easy to make. You can cook some meat or rice while the broccoli is in the oven and then it's ready for your dinner.

Todd: That's great. Yeah. You see some vegetables like on a kebab that are roasted. I guess onions are roasted, peppers are roasted.

Meg: Right, right.

Todd: Do you roast other vegetables **besides** broccoli?

Meg: Sometimes tomatoes, and sometimes potatoes although, it's that a vegetable.

Todd: It is but it's not a very healthy vegetable.

Meg: So maybe I shouldn't eat potatoes.

Todd: I love potatoes though. So you roast vegetables, do you cook vegetables any other way? Do you boil vegetables or fry vegetables?

Meg: Sometimes I boil vegetables. For example, I like to boil carrots because they're soft and you can add some spices again to have some flavor when you eat carrots with your meal.

Todd: Yeah. Actually, I love carrots but I only like raw carrots.

Meg: Oh really?

Todd: And I hate cooked carrots.

Meg: Oh well, I'll try to remember that if ever you **come over for dinner**.

Todd: Yeah. Carrots sticks please.

Meg: Okay.





Grammar Talks 2-09 | Stative Verbs

What looks good? What tastes good?

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Darcy: Okay.

Todd: So I will ask you five questions or questions about stative verbs and you answer them.

Darcy: Sure.

Todd: Okay. First, what smells good?

Darcy: Sweet things smell good.

Todd: Yes, that's true. I think fresh coffee smells good. I love fresh coffee.

Darcy: I hate the smell of _____ .

Todd: Oh, really? It _____ good for you?

Darcy: No, it's so like bitter.

Todd: Oh, really? Oh, wow. I think it smells _____. You don't think it smells good.

Darcy: No. I _____ chocolate smells good.

Todd: Okay. Okay, there we go. Alright. So next, what feels good?

Darcy: A hot bath _____ .

Todd: That's true. A hot bath feels really good. I think a warm sweater on a cold _____ really good. Like right after the sweater comes from the dryer, it feels _____ .

Darcy: Yes, I love that warm feeling you get when it comes out.

Todd: It's so nice. Also, puppies. Puppies _____ nice, right, when you pet puppies?

Darcy: Yeah, I like the _____. They feel really nice.

Todd: They do. They feel really, really nice. Okay. So now, how about taste? What foods taste really good?

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Sarah: My hometown. Well, my hometown is called Eau Claire, Wisconsin. And it's a really great city. There _____ 80,000 people. There _____ of things to do. There are three movie theatres. I love to watch movies.

John: Me too.

Sarah: There's lots of shopping. You can find anything you want there. There are lots _____ and stores.

John: Are there many restaurants?

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John: Good. Is there much to do at night?

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John: That's okay. It sounds like a nice place to have a family.

Sarah: Yeah. It is. It's a great place to have a family. There's lots of good schools and libraries.

Sarah: So John, where are you from?

John: My hometown is very small. It's a little town in the countryside, in Wisconsin. There are only 5,000 people there.

Sarah: Wow. There aren't very many people.



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Sarah: Oh really? Are there any movie theaters?

John: Well, there is one movie theater. So that's a nice thing to do. In fact, there are many screens in the theater. There are eight different movies showing.

Sarah: How about at night? What's fun to do – how about at night? Is there very much night life?

John: Yeah, there's not so much. But there is a bowling alley. It's fun to go bowling with friends. There's a bowling alley and the movie theater. There is one restaurant where you can go for tacos and burritos. And there's one more restaurant for pizza and spaghetti.

But during the daytime, you can go to the park. There's a river that goes through the town. So in the middle of town, there's a river. And there's a park that goes along both sides of the river. And at the park, there is a tennis court and a disc golf course.

Sarah: Disc golf?

John: Yeah. I like to play disc golf with my friends. It's really fun. And after we finish playing disc golf, we usually go to the pizza restaurant.



Sarah: Oh, I see. How about schools? Are there very many schools?

John: Let's see. No, there aren't very many. There is only one elementary school, one junior high school and one high school. That's it.

Sarah: Interesting.

John: Yeah. There aren't very many schools but the town doesn't need more schools because there aren't very many people there.

Sarah: I see. Are there any mountains?

John: No. The whole area is very flat. There are no mountains but there are a lot of trees. In fact, there are trees on my town's sign because my town is famous for all the trees on every street.

Sarah: Oh wow. It sounds like a great city.

Grammar

There is / There are

Point 1: Use **there is** with singular countable nouns.

1. There is **a department** store in town.
2. There is **a big mall** in this city.
3. There is **not a place** to sit.
4. There is **no park** near my house.

Point 2: Use **there are** with plural countable nouns.

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3. There are **not many tall buildings** in my town.
4. There are **no new students** this year.

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1. There is **crime** in the city.
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4. There is **no ice-cream** in the freezer.

Point 4: We usually use **some** in positive statements with plural countable nouns or uncountable nouns.

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4. There is **some snow** on the mountains.

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There isn't a shopping mall. There are a lot of grocery stores. And there are a lot of gas stations. But there isn't much to do there.

Sarah: Oh really? Are there any movie theaters?

John: Well, there is one movie theater. So that's a nice thing to do. In fact, there are many screens in the theater. There are eight different movies showing.

Sarah: How about at night? What's fun to do – how about at night? Is there very much night life?

John: Yeah, there's not so much. But there is a bowling alley. It's fun to go bowling with friends. There's a bowling alley and the movie theater. There is one restaurant where you can go for tacos and burritos. And there's one more restaurant for pizza and spaghetti.

But during the daytime, you can go to the park. There's a river that goes through the town. So in the middle of town, there's a river. And there's a park that goes along both sides of the river. And at the park, there is a tennis court and a disc golf course.

Sarah: Disc golf?

John: Yeah. I like to play disc golf with my friends. It's really fun. And after we finish playing disc golf, we usually go to the pizza restaurant.



Sarah: Oh, I see. How about schools? Are there very many schools?

John: Let's see. No, there aren't very many. There is only one elementary school, one junior high school and one high school. That's it.

Sarah: Interesting.

John: Yeah. There aren't very many schools but the town doesn't need more schools because there aren't very many people there.

Sarah: I see. Are there any mountains?

John: No. The whole area is very flat. There are no mountains but there are a lot of trees. In fact, there are trees on my town's sign because my town is famous for all the trees on every street.

Sarah: Oh wow. It sounds like a great city.

Grammar

There is / There are

Point 1: Use **there is** with singular countable nouns.

1. There is **a department** store in town.
2. There is **a big mall** in this city.
3. There is **not a place** to sit.
4. There is **no park** near my house.

Point 2: Use **there are** with plural countable nouns.

1. There are **two cars** parked outside my house.
2. There are **some books** on the table.
3. There are **not many tall buildings** in my town.
4. There are **no new students** this year.

Point 3: Use **there is** with non-countable nouns.

1. There is **crime** in the city.
2. There is **money** on the table.
3. There is **not any cheese** in the fridge.
4. There is **no ice-cream** in the freezer.

Point 4: We usually use **some** in positive statements with plural countable nouns or uncountable nouns.

1. There are **some stores** on Cane Street.
2. There are **some trees** outside.
3. There is **some food** in the kitchen.
4. There is **some snow** on the mountains.

Point 5: We usually use **any** in questions and negative statements with plural countable nouns or uncountable nouns.

1. Are there **any students** in class?
2. No, there aren't **any students**. They left.
3. Is there **any snow** on the mountain?
4. No, there isn't **any snow**. It melted.